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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicant(s) hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated September 29, 2010 finally rejecting Claims 20-37 of the above-identified application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1.  An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was granted on \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s).
2.  A Petition For Extension Of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 is attached hereto in triplicate.
3.  A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
4.  Fee \$540.00: for filing of Notice of Appeal  
 Not required (fee paid in prior appeal)  
 Charge to Deposit Acct. as indicated on the fee transmittal sheet filed via the office electronic filing system.  
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/JJI0049/PAC.

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